REMARKS

Claims 1 to 34 are in the case.

No change has been made in original claims 1 to 32.

New claims 33 and 34 are submitted as dependent claims from claims 31 and 1 respectively, reciting the feature of the lignocellulosic material also being bleached with sodium dithionite as taught, for example, at page 19, lines 21 to 23; page 20, lines 11 to 16; and in Example 5 at page 26.

The additional claims are drawn to a particular embodiment supported by the disclosure and within the scope of the original claims.

Favourable consideration of all of the claims now presented is requested.

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